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Re Tax Committee's Text Proposal

My view is that this text has to be protested against, and deleted at any cost.

My comments are :

Generally speaking, the above mentioned statements are misleading, false and have no relevance with market mechanisms, the tax proposal or its content.

1. Tobacco products have been shown through statistical research to be a riskfactor when it comes to certain human diseases. The potential health risks have however not been shown clinically.
2. Tobacco is not addictive, which is a position backed up by a (large) number of scientific documents (reference to as many studies as possible).
3. The industry holds both publicly as well as internally the view that smoking is a potential riskfactor when it comes to certain diseases in humans. This has been established through a number of statistical studies.

Also all Finnish smokers are no doubt well aware of this.

I suggest you contact Mr. Viinaren directly, and that Legal and CA hold a phone meeting urgently.

Regards,

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